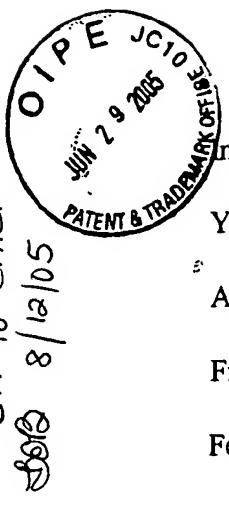


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

The present communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on May 17, 2005. The response is being filed within the shortened statutory period for reply. Entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following comments is respectfully requested. The claim amendments are being made to put the application into better condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this amendment.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this amendment.